

2006 Code of Hunting Ethics

USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory

Deer Season opens September 1, 2006

The North Dakota Governor has proclaimed an Experimental Antlerless Deer Archery Hunting Season at the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory (NGPRL) to reduce and manage population numbers. This hunt will coincide with the North Dakota general archery hunting season from September 1, 2006 and continue through January 28, 2007. This hunt will conform to the stipulations of the North Dakota 2006 Deer Hunting Proclamation. Hunters should refer to the 2006 Deer Hunting Guide (<http://state.nd.us/gnf/licenses/deerguide.html>) for information and regulations.

Successful applicants for this hunt must sign acceptance of this 'Code of Ethics' and purchase this special license from the North Dakota Game & Fish Headquarters (100 North Expressway, Bismarck ND 58504) **prior to attending an informational meeting at the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory** at 7 PM on August 29, 2006. (Annex Conference Building, 1701 10th Avenue SW, Mandan, ND 58554).

This license can be received in addition to the North Dakota general archery deer license.

Each selected hunter will be allowed to hunt non-federal work days. This includes weekends from 5 PM Friday to ½ hour past sundown on Sunday, and on federal holidays (example: November 23rd, December 25th, and January 1st). Research activity sometimes occurs late afternoon and/or evenings. No hunting may be permitted during (non-federal holiday) weekdays.

Application Deadline is 5 PM CDT, Friday, August 18, 2006. Only hunters selected in a random lottery from names submitted on the NGPRL website (<http://www.mandan.ars.usda.gov>) will be approved for hunting access to NGPRL owned and/or managed lands during the dates and times specified.

NGPRL Antlerless Deer Archery Hunting Licenses not picked up (or arrangements made for) by August 29, 2006 will be void. Unsuccessful lottery applicants will have first option for unclaimed licenses. Remaining licenses may be offered to participating hunters.

Scouting for game is permitted after 5 PM on weekdays and all-day on weekends (and federal holidays). No weapons are permitted during scouting.

Deer hunters may not hunt on the NGPRL campus the weekends of October 13, October 27, and November 7 to allow for Wild Turkey (gun) hunters and one weekend (yet to be determined) in December for the Bismarck-Mandan Bird Club's Christmas Bird Survey. Deer hunters may hunt on NGPRL property other than the main campus (at the Beef Research Unit, Area 4 SCD Cooperative Research Farm, etc.) on those weekends.

Special arrangements may be made available for handicapped hunter access. Please contact Cal Thorson @ 701.667.3018 (O) – 701.527.3795 (C) - 701.223.9169 (H) if required.

Hunters are personally responsible for security and safety of all possessions and shall hold the U.S. Government; its agencies, and employees harmless in the event of personal injury, and/or property loss or damage.

Applicants will receive vehicle parking permits and federal access guidelines upon completing forms at the North Dakota Game & Fish Department Headquarters. A 'NGPRL Parking Permit' shall be prominently

exhibited in the vehicle front window while on campus. Vehicles on the NGPRL campus not exhibiting a valid permit may be towed at the owner's expense.

Each hunter will annotate their onsite or offsite situation on their 'Status Sheet' which is to remain in the 'Hunter Sign In' mail box located to the west of Building 1. One sheet per weekend is acceptable. Photocopies are acceptable. Please also annotate the 'Hunter Sign In' when and where game is harvested.

Hunters shall not drive vehicles off established roads and must park in established parking lots while on the main campus.

Walk-in hunting only – ATVs shall not be permitted. Upon harvesting a deer, the hunter shall be permitted to retrieve the carcass on established roads. Contact Cal Thorson @ 701.667.3018 (O) – 701.527.3795 (C) - 701.223.9169 (H) for assistance in opening gates, etc. if required.

No permanent tree stands are allowed. Do not deface or disfigure trees in any manner. Portable tree stands may remain in position through the weekend or federal holiday only. They must be removed prior to federal work hours.

No smoking and/or open fires are permitted on NGPRL owned and/or controlled property.

No alcohol is permitted on federal property.

All hunters must wear blaze orange during the North Dakota Deer Gun Hunting season.

Harm to public buildings or property in any way may result in immediate and permanent termination of hunting privileges.

Dates to remember:

August 18th – License Lottery Deadline

August 29th @ 7 PM – Informational Meeting at NGPRL Annex Conference Building

September 1 – Season begins

October 13-15 – No deer hunting (Wild Turkey hunting)

October 27-29 – No hunting (Wild Turkey hunting)

November 17-19 – No hunting (Wild Turkey hunting)

December ? – No hunting (Christmas Bird Count)

January 28 – NGPRL antlerless deer season ends

This hunt is justified for the reduction of animal population numbers and destructive behavior. Questions or comments may be directed to NGPRL Technical Information Specialist, Cal Thorson @ 701.667.3018 (O) – 701.527.3795 (C) - 701.223.9169 (H).

Although there are currently significant populations of deer on NGPRL properties, no guarantee is made of game availability in-season.

NGPRL retains all rights to modify or terminate this activity at any time for any justifiable reason.

I accept the 2006 Code of Hunting Ethics. I agree to abide by all hunter safety guidelines and ensure safety during this activity.

Signed:

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